

(b) if so, whether a plan has been drawn up for such activities under BVEP;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether OIL propose to undertake drilling in the Bihpuria structure in North Lakhimpur district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Oil India Limited has drawn up a plan for drilling six exploratory wells under its Brahmaputra Valley Exploration Project in Assam. The first well is in progress now. The other five locations are being prepared for continuation of drilling operations.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. OIL has planned to undertake drilling operations in Bihpuria in North Lakhimpur District and accordingly the first well Bihpuria-1 was spudded in on 16.6.97. The well has been planned to drill to a target depth of 4500m.

Petro-Fuel Power Plant

1937. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Indian Oil Corporation by the Government of Punjab for setting up a petro-fuel plant in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation Limited has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Punjab State Electricity Board for setting up 100-150 MW Naphtha-based Power Project at Bhatinda, Punjab. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

Mausoleum of Mirza Galib

1938. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the mausoleum of Mirza Galib in Capital is in a dilapidated condition; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Mirza Ghalib's tomb which is looked after by Anjuman Taraqi Urdu Hind and the Ghalib Academy, is not in a dilapidated condition.

(b) Question does not arise.

[English]

Conversion of NH 47 Into Four Lane

1939. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert NH No. 47 into four lane;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present stage of the works undertaken so far; and

(d) the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) The total length of NH-47 is 416 Km. out of which a length of 36.452 Km. i.e. from Alwaye to Vytilla and Aroor to Sherthalai is being converted into Four lane. However, State P.W.D. has proposed for Four laning of a length of 233.76 Km. during the 9th Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised.

(c) About 65% of the work is likely to be completed by March, 1999.

(d) It is too early to indicate a time frame for the entire NH 47.

Tourism Projects in Kerala

1940. SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

the details of the Tourism projects at present under the Union Government's assistance in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : Details of the Tourism projects in Kerala at present under the Central Financial Assistance are given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
1.	Waterside amenities at Vaikom	13.05
2.	Tented accommodation for Ponmudi	5.80
3.	Integrated development of Bekal	190.00
4.	Boat Train in Korakuram Tourist Camp	16.30
5.	Microlite equipment	4.20
6.	Water Sports equipment	23.21
7.	Tourism Complex at Kalady	63.08
8.	Tourist Lodge at Guruvayur	49.50